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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement of September 18, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8 and 16-28. However, it is respectfully submitted that examination of all claims simultaneously would place no undue burden on the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully point out that examination of the claims of Group II (claims 9-15 and 29-34) necessarily entail a search of the subject matter of Group I, and therefore submit that the examination of Groups I and II together present no significant burden over the examination of Group I alone.

For a restriction requirement to be valid, the Examiner must establish that the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden (M.P.E.P § 803). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all claims simultaneously.

Any questions raised by this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 832-1770. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**. Please note that Applicants claim Small Entity Status, and any fees should be charged accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
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